GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF SLUM DWELLERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken / propose to take any effective steps for proper rehabilitation of slum dwellers illegally occupying railway land in the country particularly in metropolitan cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, before they are evicted from there;

(b) if so, the details in this regard as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c) Housing being a State subject Railways do not have any policy for resettlement and rehabilitation (R&R) of encroachers of its land. R&R of evicted persons, who had encroached upon Railway land, if feasible, is to be done by the respective State Government. However, in the National Capital Territory of Delhi, railways have agreed to bear part cost of relocation of Pre-1998 encroachers located on Railway land in `Safety Zone` and on land required for execution of sanctioned projects, as per the Resettlement & Rehabilitation policy of Delhi Government, which has the approval of the Ministry of Urban Development. In Mumbai, for area under Mumbai Urban Transport Project, Railways have executed an agreement with the Government of Maharashtra for sharing the overall project cost equally which, along with augmentation of Railway infrastructure, also includes the cost of R&R of the Project Affected Persons.